



Law School for Journalists

July 20, 2011

Indiana University School of Law—Indianapolis

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Wynne Courtroom

Randall T. Shepard, Chief Justice of Indiana

9:30 a.m. Problem-Solving Courts—A New Approach to Justice

Problem-Solving Courts were developed as an innovative response to deal with the chronic legal, social and human problems of offenders, and often address drug abuse, mental illness or domestic violence issues. Research demonstrates that these courts are having a positive effect on offenders, victims and communities. This session will discuss the common elements of problem-solving courts and how they respond to problems that have been resistant to conventional approaches.

Mary Kay Hudson, Director of Court Services, Indiana Judicial Center
Judge Dennis Carroll, Madison Superior Court #1
Judge Wayne Trockman, Vanderburgh Superior Court

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

Structure of Indiana Trial Courts

Room 267

This session is designed for reporters who have limited experience in covering the courts. Trial court judges will discuss jurisdiction of courts, explain the stages of civil and criminal proceedings, offer tips for interacting with court staff and answer questions regarding the general operation of courts.

Senior Judge Barbara Harcourt, Court Personnel/Program Attorney, Indiana Judicial Center
Judge Gail Bardach, Hamilton Superior Court #6

The Cost of Courts

Room 259

This session is designed for reporters who have advanced experience in covering the courts. The presenters will explain and discuss the complex funding system used for courts, including court fees, user fees and general county appropriations, and discuss long-term plans to restructure court funding.

Judge John Baker, Indiana Court of Appeals

Prof. John Krauss, Director- Indiana University Public Policy Institute

Jeff Wiese, Staff Attorney, Division of State Court Administration

Tom Carusillo, Staff Attorney, Division of State Court Administration

Tracy Warner, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*

11:45 a.m. Lunch in the Atrium—Sponsored by the Indiana Judges Association & the Hoosier State Press Association Foundation

Keynote presentation in the Wynne Courtroom by Jerriane Hayslett, former Los Angeles Superior Court Media Liaison and author of *"Anatomy of a Trial: Public Loss, Lessons Learned from 'The People v. O.J. Simpson'."*

Ms. Hayslett will discuss her experiences in coordinating media logistics for numerous high profile trials, including O.J. Simpson, Rodney King, Heidi Fleiss and the Menendez brothers.

1:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

"20 Years With 6 Suspended & Credit for Time Served" Room 267

Have you ever wondered how judges determine sentences in criminal cases? Trial court judges will explain the sentencing process, statutes on advisory sentences, suspension of sentences, credit for time served and other factors considered at sentencing.

Judge Robert Altice, Marion Superior Court

Judge Maria Granger, Floyd Superior Court #3

Prof. Joel Schumm, Indiana University School of Law- Indianapolis

When Children Are in Court

Room 259

Indiana's juvenile court system is designed to rehabilitate delinquent children and to provide services to abused and neglected children and their families. This session will explain the juvenile court process, confidentiality, and media access to these proceedings.

Judge Maribeth Bonaventura, Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division

Judge Roger Duvall, Scott Circuit Court

2:00 p.m. Break

2:15 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (choose one)

Least Understood Areas of Law

Room 267

Covering death penalty cases, grand jury proceedings and appellate court proceedings can be tough. The presenters will discuss these least understood areas of law that reporters need to know when covering the courts.

Monica Foster, Foster & Long-Sharp Law Office
Greta Scodro, Assistant Administrator, Supreme Court Administration
Kyle Gillaspie, Staff Attorney, Indiana Court of Appeals
Prof. Shawn Boyne, Indiana University School of Law- Indianapolis

Online, On the Phone & In Person—Getting Court Information

Room 259

There is a wealth of court information right at your fingertips, but you need to know where to look. Some information is buried in plain view! Annual publications, electronic record systems and new media make it easier than ever to investigate what's happening in the courts.

Kelly Lucas, *The Indiana Lawyer*
Kathryn Dolan, Indiana Supreme Court Public Information Officer
Harold Adams, *Louisville Courier-Journal*
Sue Brown, *Times of Northwest Indiana*

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

3:30 p.m. Optional Tour of Supreme Court Courtroom

Statehouse

Get a behind-the-scenes tour of the Supreme Court Courtroom and law library. Learn about the history of the rooms and the extensive library catalog, including publications from the 1700's. The original carpet from England, the historic furniture and the modern web cameras all have a story to tell.